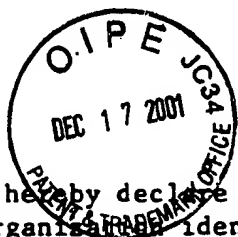


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EXTRACELLULAR DOMAIN OF A GONADOTROPIN RECEPTOR



VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING  
SMALL ENTITY STATUS UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.9(f)  
AND §1.27(d) - NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

I hereby declare that I am an official empowered to act on behalf of the nonprofit organization identified below:

Name of Organization: The Trustees of Columbia University in the City of New York

Address of Organization: 110 Low Memorial Library, West 116th and Broadway  
New York, New York 10027

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:

X

UNIVERSITY OR OTHER INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION

TAX EXEMPT UNDER INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE CODE 26 U.S.C. §§501(a) and 501(c)(3)

NONPROFIT SCIENTIFIC OR EDUCATIONAL UNDER STATUTE OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

NAME OF STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

CITATION OF STATUTE: \_\_\_\_\_

WOULD QUALIFY AS TAX EXEMPT UNDER INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE CODE 26 U.S.C. §§501(a) and 501(c)(3) IF LOCATED IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

WOULD QUALIFY AS NONPROFIT SCIENTIFIC OR EDUCATIONAL UNDER STATUTE OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IF LOCATED IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

NAME OF STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

CITATION OF STATUTE: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby declare that the nonprofit organization identified above qualifies as a nonprofit organization as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.9(e)\* for purposes of paying reduced fees under 35 U.S.C. §41(a) and 41(b), with regard to the invention entitled EXPRESSION OF PROPERLY FOLDED AND SOLUBLE EXTRACELLULAR DOMAIN OF A GONADOTROPIN RECEPTOR

by inventor(s) Leslie Lobel and Joyce Lustbader

described in:

X the specification filed herewith

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patent no. \_\_\_\_\_ issued \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the nonprofit organization with regard to the above identified invention.

If the rights held by the nonprofit organization are not exclusive each individual, concern, or organization known to have rights to the invention is listed below<sup>a</sup> and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who could not qualify as a small business concern under 37 C.F.R. §1.9(d)\* or a nonprofit organization under 37 C.F.R. 1.9(e)\*

<sup>a</sup>NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each person, concern, or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities. 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

Name: N/A

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Individual

Small Business Concern

Nonprofit Organization

37 C.F.R. §§1.9(d), 1.9(e)

(d) A small business concern as used in this chapter means any business concern as defined by the Small Business Administration in 13 C.F.R. §121.3-18, published on September 30, 1982 at 47 FR 43273. For the convenience of the users of these regulations, that definition states:

§121.3-18 Definition of small business for paying reduced patent fees under Title 35, U.S. Code.

(a) Pursuant to Pub. L. 97-247, a small business concern for purposes of paying reduced fees under 35 U.S. Code 41(a) and (b) to the Patent and Trademark Office means any business concern (1) whose number of employees, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons and (2) which has not assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed, and is under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern or a nonprofit organization under this section. For the purpose of this section concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both. The number of employees of the business concern is the average over the fiscal year of the the persons employed during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year. Employees are those persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during the previous fiscal year of the concern.

(b) If the Patent and Trademark Office determines that a concern is not eligible as a small business concern within this section, the concern shall have a right to appeal that determination to the Small Business Administration. The Patent and Trademark Office shall transmit its written decision and the pertinent size determination file to the SBA in the event of such adverse determination and size appeal. Such appeals by concerns should be submitted to the SBA at 1441 L Street, NW., Washington, D.C. 20416 (Attention: SBA Office of General Counsel). The appeal should state the basis upon which it is claimed that the Patent and Trademark Office initial size determination on the concern was in error; and the facts and arguments supporting the concern's claimed status as a small business concern under this section.

(e) A nonprofit organization as used in this chapter means (1) a university or other institution of higher education located in any country; (2) an organization of the type described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3)) and exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. 501(a)); (3) any nonprofit scientific or educational organization qualified under a nonprofit organization statute of a state of this country (35 U.S.C. 201(i); or (4) any nonprofit organization located in a foreign country which would qualify as a nonprofit organization under paragraphs (e)(2) or (3) of this section if it were located in this country.

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. 37 C.F.R. §1.28(b)\*.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. §1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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Date Of Signature: 03/13/01

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37 C.F.R. §1.28(b)

(b) Once status as a small entity has been established in an application or patent, fees as a small entity may thereafter be paid in that application or patent without regard to a change in status until the issue fee is due or any maintenance fee is due. Notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status must be filed in the application or patent prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate pursuant to §1.9 of this part. The notification of change in status may be signed by the applicant, any person authorized to sign on behalf of the assignee, or an attorney or agent of record or acting in a representative capacity pursuant to §1.34(a) of this part.



*My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.*

# EXPRESSION OF PROPERLY FOLDED AND SOLUBLE EXTRACELLULAR DOMAIN OF A GONADOTROPIN RECEPTOR

           is attached hereto.

X was filed on March 9, 2001 as

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and was amended \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable)

*I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.*

***I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 (a)-(d) or Section 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or Section 365(a) of any PCT International Application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below. I have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International Application having a filing date before that of the earliest application from which priority is claimed:***

**Priority Claimed**

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***I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:***

| <u><i>Provisional Application No.</i></u> | <u><i>Filing Date</i></u> | <u><i>Status</i></u> |
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***I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States Application(s), or Section 365(c) of any PCT International Application(s) designating the United States listed below. Insofar as this application discloses and claims subject matter in addition to that disclosed in any such prior Application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56, which became available between the filing date(s) of such prior Application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:***

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